

Item No. 270.

The Act of December 23, 1944 provides that disbursing officers for official purposes or for the accommodation of Government personnel and other designated personnel, are authorized to cash checks and conduct exchange transactions. These authorities will terminate six months after the end of the war unless terminated earlier by the Congress. The Defense and State Departments desire that the law should be continued and the Treasury Department feels it should be made into a permanent statute. As CIA disbursing officers overseas operate under its provisions, the continuation of its authorities or the enactment of permanent legislation is endorsed by CIA.

Replying to Bureau of the Budget Letter and Memorandum dated November 8, 1951.

(PLEASE READ LETTER AND MEMORANDUM BEFORE EXECUTING)

1. Agency _____ 2. Item No. 270) See
 Replying Central Intelligence Agency or) Memo
 U.S. Code) Para.
 Citation _____) 10

3. For this item this agency is (Indicate by "x"; see Memorandum Para. 10):
 the Responsible Agency (); a Commenting Agency (); Other (x).

4. Citation in full (See NOTE A and Memorandum Para. 10):

5. Digest (See NOTE A and Memorandum Para. 10):

6. Recommendation of this agency (Indicate which by "x"):
 CONTINUE (x); DO NOT Continue ()
 the authority now existing.

7. Brief justification for Congress of the recommendation in 6. if that recommendation is affirmative (See NOTE B and Memorandum Para. 10):

8. Reasons and views (The only time you need not answer here is when the justification in 7. states your views to your full satisfaction; see Memorandum Para. 10).

CIA concurs with the Defense comment and with the Treasury position that ultimately this should be turned into permanent legislation.

9. Suggested legislative language for continuing the authority (See NOTE B and Memorandum Para. 10):

NOTE A (Applicable to lines 4 and 5): Answers on lines 4 and 5 are required from you for this item if (a) you are the Responsible Agency for this item (whether or not you desire your authority continued) or (b) this item is not on the List of Statutes and you desire your authority continued.

NOTE B (Applicable to lines 7 and 9): Answers on lines 7 and 9 are required from you for this item if you desire your authority continued and (a) you are the Responsible Agency for this item or (b) this item is not on the List of Statutes.

To be sent to the Bureau of the Budget in DUPLICATE. For more space, see Memorandum Para. 9E